

HB 1003.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/05)

Finds that the limited amount of ORV recreation areas presents a challenge for ORV recreational users, natural resource land managers, and private landowners.

Finds that local, state, and federal jurisdictions should be given the flexibility to allow ORV use on nonhighway roads they own and manage or for which they are authorized to allow public ORV use under an easement granted by the owner.

Declares that it is lawful to operate an off-road vehicle upon a nonhighway road and in parking areas serving designated off-road vehicle areas when the responsible governing body, including state, federal, or local authorities, authorizes the use of off-road vehicles.

Provides that an off-road vehicle operated on a nonhighway road under this section is exempt from licensing requirements of RCW 46.16.010 and vehicle lighting and equipment requirements of chapter 46.37 RCW.